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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURTS
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANT

DIANNA LYNN HARRIS

v.

**Plaintiff** 

CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:01-CV-0270

(Judge Kane)

PENNSYLVANIA BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE, et al.,

Defendants

## **JOINT CASE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

## 1. Principal Issues

1.10 Separately for each party, please give a statement summarizing this case:

By plaintiff: Plaintiff is a former employee of defendant Parole Board, who suffered from a pre-existing medical condition that caused her to suffer adverse medical reactions

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when exposed to cigarette smoke. Plaintiff complained about the smoke in defendant's Central Office building (defendant permitted smoking in the building) and asked that defendant adhere to the Commonwealth's anti-smoking rules and regulations by making the building "smoke-free." This request was denied by defendants, as were other proposed accommodations subsequently requested by plaintiff to alleviate her condition.

After she complained about the cigarette smoke in the building, plaintiff was subjected to retaliation. Instead of transferring her to a smoke-free building as she requested, defendant transferred plaintiff against her will to defendant's Harrisburg District Office, a building with a known air quality problem, which aggravated her medical condition and caused her to go out of work. In October, 1998, plaintiff had sufficiently recovered such that she wished to begin working again, but she refused to return to work at the Harrisburg District Office until she was given a copy of the Department of Health's air quality report for that building (a statutory right under the Right to Know Act). Defendants refused to supply a copy of the air quality report and instead set up a Pre-Disciplinary Conference ("PDC") to take place at the Harrisburg District Office building. Plaintiff advised that she would not attend a PDC at that location, and asked to meet with Board Chairman Ward to discuss alternatives for returning to work. This request was likewise denied, and defendant terminated plaintiff's employment on December 11, 1998.

Plaintiff seeks damages under federal and state statutes for, among other things, discrimination against her on the basis of her disability, gender, age, and for retaliation against her after she complained of the cigarette smoke in the building.

By defendants: Defendants deny that plaintiff was subject to any discrimination or retaliation.

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The principal factual issues that the parties

## dispute are:

- 1.11 Whether defendants intentionally discriminated against plaintiff on the basis of her disability, gender, or age.
- 1.12 Whether defendants retaliated against plaintiff after she complained about the cigarette smoke in the building.
- 1.13 Whether the incidents occurred as set forth in Plaintiff's Complaint.
- 1.14 The extent of plaintiff's damages.

## agree upon are:

- 1.20 Plaintiff began her employment with defendant Parole Board in or about January, 1993.
- 1.21 Plaintiff was assigned to work at defendants' Central Office Building, located at 3101 North Front Street, in or about May, 1995.
- 1.22 In or about November, 1997, plaintiff was transferred to defendant'sHarrisburg District Office, located at 1303 North Seventh Street.
- 1.23 By letter dated December 11, 1998, defendant Parole Board terminated plaintiff's employment.
- 1.30 The principal legal issues that the parties

## dispute are:

1.31 Whether defendants waived their Eleventh Amendment immunity by removing this action to federal court.

- 1.32 Whether defendants violated plaintiff's rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- 1.33 Whether defendants violated plaintiff's rights under Title VII of the CivilRights Act or the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act.
- 1.34 Whether defendants wrongfully terminated plaintiff's employment.
- 1.35 Whether defendants violated plaintiff's rights under the Right to Know Act.
- 1.36 Whether this Court has jurisdiction over all of plaintiff's claims.
- 1.37 Whether any of plaintiff's claims are barred by the Eleventh Amendment or by state sovereign immunity.
- 1.38 Whether any of plaintiff's claims are barred by the statute of limitations. agree upon are:
- 1.40 Federal and state law applies to this action.
- 1.41 Plaintiff falls within a protected classification under federal and state law with regard to her gender and age.
- 1.50 Identify any unresolved issues as to service of process, personal jurisdiction, subject matter jurisdiction, or venue:

There is an unresolved issue as to this Court's jurisdiction over the subject matter of plaintiff's claims. See Defendants' Motion to Dismiss plaintiff's response thereto. In addition, there are unresolved issues as to this Court's jurisdiction over the subject matter of plaintiff's ADA and ADEA claims, as well as some of her state law claims.

1.60 Identify any named parties that have not yet been served: None.

	1.70	Identify	any	additional	parties	that:
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plaintiff intends to join:

None anticipated.

defendants intend to join:

None anticipated.

1.80 Identify any additional claims that:

plaintiff intends to add:

None anticipated.

defendants intend to add:

None anticipated.

#### 2.0 Alternative Dispute Resolution ("ADR")

Identify any ADR procedure to which this case has already been assigned or 2.10 which the parties have agreed to use.

ADR procedure	-
Date ADR to be commenced	
Date ADR to be completed	

2.20 If the parties have been unable to agree on an ADR procedure, but one or more parties believes that the case is appropriate for such a procedure, identify the party or parties that recommend ADR and the specific ADR process recommended:

The parties are willing to submit this case to a Magistrate Judge for a settlement conference when initial written discovery and depositions of parties are completed.

If all parties share the view that no ADR procedure should be used in this case, set 2.30 forth the basis for that view:

#### 3.0 Consent to Jurisdiction by a Magistrate Judge

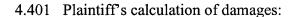
Indicate whether all parties agree, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §636(c)(1), to have a magistrate judge preside as the judge of the case with appeal lying to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit:

All parties agree to jurisdiction by a magistrate judge of this court: Y X N If parties agree to proceed before a magistrate judge, please indicate below which location is desired for the proceedings: Scranton Wilkes-Barre Harrisburg

#### 4.0 **Disclosures**

- 4.100 Separately for each party, list by name and title/position each person whose identity has been disclosed.
  - 4.101 Disclosed by Plaintiff:
- 97 potential witnesses have been disclosed.
- 4.151 Disclosed by Defendants:
- None to date.
- 4.200 Separately for each party, describe by categories the documents that have been disclosed or produced through formal discovery, indicating which categories relate (even if not exclusively) to damages:
  - 4.201 Categories of documents disclosed by plaintiff:
    - 4.202 Records pertaining to employment history
    - 4.203 Records pertaining to complaints by plaintiff and others as to cigarette smoke in building

- 4.204 Records pertaining to complaints by plaintiff and others as to unhealthy air in office building
- 4.205 Records pertaining to studies confirming unhealthy air
- 4.206 Records pertaining to Commonwealth policies on smoking
- 4.207 Medical records of plaintiff
- 4,208 EEOC documentation
- 4.251 Categories of documents disclosed by defendants: None to date.
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- 4.300 Additional Documents Disclosures: Separately for each party, describe each additional category of documents that will be disclosed without imposing on other counsel the burden of serving a formal request for production of documents:
  - 4.301 Additional categories of documents plaintiff will disclose: Plaintiff's wage and earnings records.
  - 4.351 Additional categories of documents defendants will disclose:
    - 4.352 Plaintiff's personnel records
    - 4.353 Defendant's internal investigation, if any
    - 4.354 Defendant's policies regarding matters at issue
  - 4.400 Separately for each party who claims an entitlement to damages or an offset, set forth the computation of the damages or of the offset:



Past wage loss is approximately \$13,000 (no employment from 12/11/98-9/99). Thereafter, no continuing wage loss, but employment benefits are much less. Plaintiff intends to present evidence as to the value of the loss of benefits.

- 4.402 Defendants' calculation of offset: Offset for any wages and other benefits.
- 4.403 Counter claimant/third party claimant's calculation of damages: N/A

#### **5.0 Motions**

Identify any motion(s) whose early resolution would likely have a significant effect either on the scope of discovery or other aspects of the litigation:

Nature of Motion	Moving Party	Anticipated Filing Date
Motion to Dismiss	Defendants	Filed 8/13/01
Motion for Summary Judgment	Defendants	30 days after completion of
		discovery

#### 6.0 **Discovery**

6.100 Briefly describe any discovery that has been completed or is in progress:

By plaintiff: Self-disclosures provided.

By defendants: None to date.

6.200 Describe any discovery that all parties agree should be conducted, indicating for each discovery undertaking its purpose or what kinds of information will be

developed through it: Both parties will serve Interrogatories and a Request for Production of Documents. Defendant will take the deposition of plaintiff and plaintiff's medical providers. Plaintiff will take the depositions of each of the individual defendants. Both parties may take additional depositions thereafter.

- 6.300 Describe any discovery that one or more parties wants to conduct but to which another party objects, indicating for each such discovery undertaking its purpose or what kinds of information would be developed through it: None anticipated at this time.
- 6.400 Identify any subject area limitations on discovery that one or more parties would like imposed, at the first stage of or throughout the litigation: Given the likely impact on the scope of discovery by the Court's decisions on Defendants' Motion to Dismiss, the parties would like to begin discovery after resolution of the Motion to Dismiss.
- 6.500 For each of the following discovery tools, recommend the per-party or per-side limitation (specify a number) that should be fixed, subject to later modification by stipulation or court order on an appropriate showing (where the parties cannot agree, set forth separately the limits recommended by plaintiff and by defendants: 6.501 depositions (excluding experts) to be taken by:

plaintiff: 10 defendants: 10

6.502 interrogatories to be served by:

plaintiff: 25 defendants: 25 6.503 document production requests to be served by:

plaintiff: 30

defendants: 30

6.504 requests for admission to be served by:

plaintiff: 50

defendants: 50

- 6.600 All discovery commenced in time to be completed by: Six months after decision on Defendants' Motion to Dismiss
- 6.700 Reports from retained experts due:

from plaintiff by:

One month after close of discovery

from defendants by:

Two months after close of discovery

6.800 Supplementations due:

15 days after defendants' expert reports due

#### 7.0 **Protective Order**

- If entry of a protective order is sought, attach to this statement a copy of the 7.1 proposed order.
- If there is a dispute about whether a protective order should be entered, or about 7.2 certain terms of the proposed order, briefly summarize each party's position below:

#### Certification of Settlement Authority (All Parties Shall Complete the Certification) 8.0

I hereby certify that the following individual(s) have settlement authority.

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## 9.0 Scheduling

9.1	This case may	be appropriate for trial in approximately:			
	240 days from the filing of the action in this court				
	365 days from the filing of the action in this court				
	16 months from the filing of the action in this court				
9.2	Suggested Date for Trial: June, 2002				
9.3	Suggested Date for the final Pretrial Conference: May, 2002				
9.4	Final date for joining additional parties:				
	Plaintiff:	60 days before close of discovery			
	Defendants:	60 days before close of discovery			
9.5	Final date for	amending pleadings:			
	Plaintiff:	60 days before close of discovery			
	Defendants:	60 days before close of discovery			
9/6	All potentially	dispositive motions should be filed by: 30 days after close of			
	discovery				

## 10.0 Other Matters

Make any other suggestions for the case development process, settlement, or trial that may be useful or necessary to the efficient and just resolution of the dispute.

#### **Identification of Lead Counsel** 11.0

Identify by name, address, and telephone number lead counsel for each party.

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Dated:	10	19	01	
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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Lisa W. Basial, Deputy Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, hereby certify that on October 25, 2001, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Joint Case Management Plan, by causing it to be deposited in the United States Mail, first-class postage prepaid to the following:

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